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Manhattan to gain two hotels before fall

By Karen Sarita Ingram THE COLLEGIAN

wo new hotels are scheduled to be T wo new notes are sent to completed by this fall in order to meet Manhattan's growing hospitality demand and market.

"With the Downtown Redevelopment, we've been addressing meeting space needs," said Karen Hibbard, vice president of Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce and director of the Convention and Visitors Bureau.

A new Holiday Inn Express will open near the Flint Hills Discovery Center, 315 S. 34d St. It will add 76 sleeping rooms to market. Hibbard said it will open late this fall.

Reservations are already being made for the Bluemont Hotel as its construction continues at the corner of N. Manhattan and Bluemont Avenues, across from Aggieville. Hibbard said the hotel will offer approximately 1,400 rooms when it is completed.

The hotel will be "upscale," according to Andrew Suber, director of Blue Mountain Capital, Inc., the company investing in the project. One of the unique features will be a rooftop terrace or patio that can be used for event space.

"We'll be able to take parties of 300 plus people on the top floor," Suber said.

The building will also have separate retail space available on the first floor, accessible from the street. Suber said a number of eateries have been



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The Bluemont Hotel, located at the corner of Bluemont and N. Manhattan Avenues, will offer more than 1,400 rooms, a rooftop patio and retail space on the ground floor when completed.

in discussion with them, but nothing is set in stone, yet. The space could be used for shopping or other types of businesses, as well.

Hibbard said the location of the Bluemont Hotel was optimal for businesses that might wish to use the retail space.

"The location across from Aggieville is a desirable meeting location," Hibbard said.

Suber agreed and said support for

development of that area has been met with "overwhelming" support and positive feedback from the commu-

"Manhattan is one of the few consistent growth markets in Kansas," Suber said. "And the arrow continues to point up.

Suber added that the Bluemont Hotel was not part of any hotel chain, but independently owned. Blue Mountain Capital, Inc., is headquartered in

Bonner Springs, Kan.

"We're local people that want to add something to the city," he said.

While the Bluemont Hotel is accepting reservations on their website with the earliest check-in date of Oct. 1, Suber said they expected the date to roll back as construction is completed in late summer or early autumn.

The construction on Bluemont Ave. is not related to the construction of the Bluemont Hotel.

TEVAL improvements in progress



K-Staters,

Welcome to February! I hope your first two weeks of class have gone well and that you've made it to Bramlage Coliseum at least once to cheer on the men's and women's basketball teams!

Today, I'd like to update you on another one of the Schooley/Unruh campaign goals from way back when we ran for office almost a year ago. It relates to a topic that affects every single student on campus: K-State's teacher evaluation process. Running for SGA leadership positions, we heard the concerns of numerous students who felt their voices weren't heard in the process; whether they filled out a TEVAL or IDEA form at the end of the semester, they worried K-State wasn't doing all it could do to improve the quality of teaching. Jake and I made it our mission to represent the student voice and improve the process through the formation of a group dedicated to that goal.

After months of meetings with administrators and students across campus, we're happy to announce that we're making progress in a tangible way. We've worked with Jana Fallin, director of the Teaching & Learning Center of Kansas State University, to initiate a task force to study the TEVAL surveys. Provost April Mason has approved the establishment of the TEVAL Task Force to begin this process, and we couldn't be more excited! The task force's goals will be threefold: first, to evaluate the validity and reliability of the student course rating survey; second, to discuss possible steps that could be taken to improve the survey; and third, to begin development of training events for department heads, faculty and students on use of the

student course evaluation process. Chance Berndt, junior in marketing and SGA's executive initiatives director, will serve as the student representative on the TEVAL task force. Chance's email address is cberndt@ksu.edu — he's open to hearing your thoughts on the current and potential future process, so as your student representative, don't hesitate to contact him or me!

On an unrelated note, as hard as it might be to believe, it's already almost time for SGA elections! Being involved in SGA has been one of the highlights of my time at K-State, and as cheesy as it sounds, my life. If you're interested in running for Student Senate or even Student Body president, head to k-state.edu/elections. The deadline to file for office is next Friday, Feb. 14.

Keep up the great work!

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Parker Robb | the collegian

Bull rider Matt May, Ash Flat, Ark., holds tight as his bull, Gator, sends both of them flying during the third and last round in the K-State Invitational Bull Bash, hosted by the K-State Rodeo Club, at Weber Arena Saturday night.



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After being thrown off, bull rider Bill Sumerour, Randolph, Kan., is charged by his bull, **Chee Wee Wee**, during the third and final round of the K-State Invitational Bull Bash on Saturday night in Weber Arena.

Bull riders compete, endure injuries for chance at \$5,000

By Emily DeShazer THE COLLEGIAN

Bull snot flew and at least one bull rider was seriously injured at this year's K-State Invitational Bull Bash.

While 30 of the nation's top bull riders traveled from all over to compete for the chance at \$5,000 in bonus prize money, Matt May from Ash Flat, Ark, was the event champion.

May, who held the top score Friday with 84

points, went on to win the short run Saturday night, when the field was narrowed to the top 10 bull riders.

David King, from Fort Scott, Kan., suffered a broken leg when his bull, Diggy Diggy.com, stepped on him after dismounting Friday. He was taken from the arena by ambulance. His status was unavailable Sunday evening

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The Weekly Planner

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Friday, Feb. 7

Tennis

K-State vs. Fresno State Noon, Body First Fitness and Tennis Center

"God of Carnage" A dark comedy by Yasmina 7:30 p.m., Mark A. Chapman Theatre

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Tuesday, Feb. 4

Personal Reflections on Nelson Mandela's Legacy 4 p.m., K-State Alumni Center Ballroom

Saturday, Feb. 8

Harry Potter Back to **School Feast** 7 p.m., Hale Library Great

"God of Carnage" A dark comedy by Yasmina Reza Chapman Theatre

Wednesday, Feb. 5

Study Abroad Fair 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., K-State Student Union Courtyard

Sunday, Feb. 9

Fourth annual McCain Student Showcase Features a fast-paced collage of several juried performances by students from K-State's School of Music,

Theatre and Dance

4 p.m., McCain Aud

A dark comedy by Yasmina

7:30 p.m., Mark A. Chapman Theatre

Thursday, Feb. 6

"God of Carnage"

Opening reception for "Take Shelter: An Installation by Tom Parish" 5-7 p.m., Beach Museum

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ARREST REPORTS

Friday, Jan. 31 Calos Ramos-Penafort, 400 block of Colorado Street, was booked for criminal trespassing. Bond was set at \$750.

Edward Lamont Williams, 4400 block of Tuttle Creek Boulevard, was booked for aggravated assault and criminal damage to property. Bond was set at \$5,000.

Saturday, Feb. 1 Caleb Richard Brewer, 1200 block of Fremont Street, was booked for the purchased or consumption of alcohol by a minor and obstruction of the legal process. Bond was set at \$1,500.

Aaron Reece Peterson, 1000 block of Vattier Street, was booked for criminal trespassing. Bond was set at \$750.

Scott Wade Burns, Junction City, was booked for driving under the influence, failure to stop at an injury accident and duty driver failure to give notice of accident. Bond was set at \$2,750.

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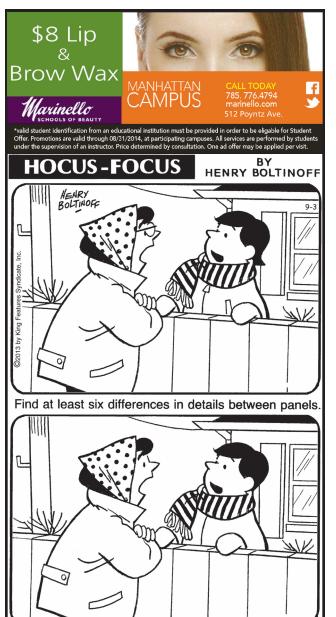
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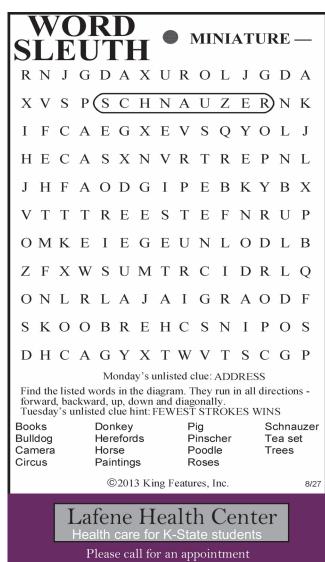
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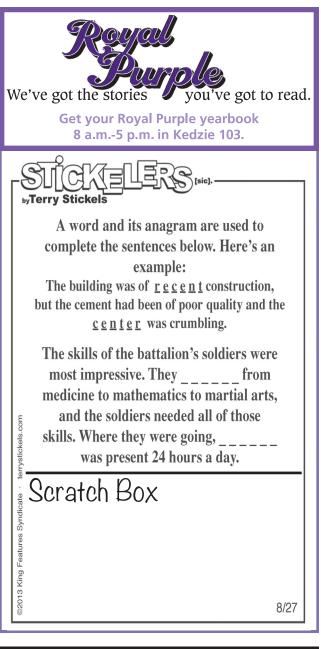
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Lenient celebrity punishments damage fans, society



Karen Sarita Ingram the collegian

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I first heard about Justin Bieber's DUI on Facebook, because people on my newsfeed were making fun of how this "breaking news" interrupted coverage of the riots in Ukraine.

I have to admit, if the conspiracy theory is true that the government is controlling the media and using stuff like this to distract us from real issues, they are doing a good job, because I love to hate Justin Bieber. Seriously, the National Security Agency owes this guy a medal for every drone attack that goes unreported.

Whether you wear a tinfoil hat or not, there is no denying that Bieber will likely get a slap on the wrist, at most, for his latest shenanigans. Perhaps this wouldn't bother me so much if there weren't so many people rallying behind him. Even Lady Gaga posted words of support on her "Little Monsters" website:

"Everyone is entitled to their own opinion, and to stand up for themselves, but I think we should be supportive of Beliebers. They deserve, just like any other fan, to feel strong for each other and Justin so they can continue to share the bond they have through music. We may not understand everything celebrities do because there's only so much we see, but Justin and Beliebers were 'born this way' too."

Oh, going after the "born this way" angle is so tempting, but too easy, so let's go another route.

Also on Facebook, I saw an angry post from somebody who had lost a 5-year-old relative to a hit-andrun DUI. The guy was so drunk, he didn't even realize he'd run over a kid until the cops found him the next day. Angry guy's point was that the fans rallying behind Bieber wouldn't be doing so if he'd actually killed somebody while driving under the influence, and this post really saddened me because I disagreed.

In 1984, Vince Neil of Mötley Crüe was driving to a liquor store with his friend, Nicholas "Razzle" Dingley of Hanoi Rocks, when they collided with another car. Razzle died and the two people in the other car suffered serious injuries. Neil, as it turns out, was drunk. He was charged with vehicular manslaughter and sentenced to 30 days in jail and five years probation, but he got out early for good behavior.

It should be noted that Neil was only 23 years old at the time of the accident. He'd only been with the band for a couple of years, and they went on to produce some of their most famous and successful albums after the drunk driving incident.

Justin Bieber is currently 19 years old, and he was discovered when he was 15. No matter what you might think about his social standing at this point, the fact is that he is still riding that skyrocket to fame that he came in on – and that is why he is so well protected.

Fame is its own Get Out of Jail Free card. Say what you will about Matthew Broderick, but I call the \$175 he was fined in 1988 for causing the deaths of two people's lives in a reckless driving accident "free," not "cheap."

So, what about poor Bieber? He hasn't killed anybody. What's wrong with supporting him through his troubled phase? Plenty.

You see, kids, when you're a young'un, you try to stay out of

trouble because you fear the consequences that could happen to you. You know you're grown up when you avoid trouble because you fear the consequences that could happen to other people. In other words, back in the day, I used to avoid drinking and driving because I didn't want to get a DUI. Now, I avoid drinking and driving because I am afraid of the idea of killing an innocent person. Some people, however, may never reach this epiphany. Perhaps that means I'm getting mature, despite my continuing appreciations of didly and fort is less.

tion of dick and fart jokes.

Now listen to me my darlings, because I'm going to be serious for a moment. I am not any different from any of you. I daydream about death sometimes. I know that some day I will have to bury my parents and other people I love dearly. I wonder how and

when it will happen, and whenever I read about someone getting killed by a drunk driver, I wonder if that could happen to my parents. I wonder if it could happen to me. It scares me.

What I never, ever thought about, until just recently, was, "What if I was not the passenger, but the driver?"

By allowing celebrities like
Bieber a free pass on such seemingly petty crimes as drunk driving, we deny them the fear that is necessary

to learn. A DUI may seem like an

annoyance to many of us, but there is a good reason why such laws exist. Whether you are willing to admit it to yourself or not, killing someone is not an act limited to moments of passion or self-defense. Any one of us could kill somebody just by being stupid and drunk and behind the wheel of a 2-ton battering ram.

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English majors suffer incorrect assumptions about college, career relevancy

By Charlie King-Hagen The Collegian

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Recently, I stumbled across an online message board post that questioned the value of pursuing an English degree. The poster declared English majors are not hirable in the workforce (misspelling "hirable" in the process) and asserted that the degree does not give one unique and useful skill to take into the job industry. In the name of "pragmatism," voice ripe with condescension, he asked if the point of an English degree "was just to pick something easy

through college?"
Oh, man.

The perpetual ignorance of the quality of an English education, as well as lack of understanding as to how it actually operates, never ceases to amaze me. Ever since I declared my major as English, I have received a barrage of questions as to why I am completing such an "interesting" degree.

"English, huh? So you are wanting to teach?" Well, no.

"What exactly can one do with it?"

Really, a number of things. English majors can go into advertising, journalism, law, education, marketing, public relations, publishing and communications – just to name a few.

"People say there is a hard market for liberal arts majors right now. Are you aware of that?"

Yes. I am constantly receiving reminders (including this conversation).

Essentially, the theme I often encounter from others about my decision to be an English major is this: I am embarking on a colossal, magnificent and irreversible waste of my time.

That could not be further

from the truth.

As is expected, much criticism towards an English education stems from the fact that not very many people understand how it actually works. Often, college is seen as a means to a specific end. One basis their degree on the career field into which it can take them: engineering majors become engineers, veterinary science majors become veterinarians, and architecture majors become architects.

This is, indisputably, not

the case with English majors. You will not know an English major who, 10 years from now, is working as an "Englisher." Consequently, this lack of certainty leads many to quickly and incorrectly assume that receiving an English degree is not a valuable use of time or money.

In an article published on June 22, 2013 in The New York Times on the current state of the English major. American non-fiction author and newspaper editor Verlyn Klinkenborg states that, "(f) ormer English majors turn up almost anywhere, in almost any career, and they nearly always bring with them a rich sense of the possibilities of language, literary and otherwise." This is the beauty of an English degree; an education in English can lend itself towards just about any profession. It's also a fairly

flexible degree due to the way it is structured.

English majors rigorously challenge and improve the quality of their knowledge and their application of the English language, which can directly translate into valuable skills needed in the workplace. Through a detailed reading of different texts, they improve their ability to analyze, process and critically question established information. Through courses led by class discussion, they improve their ability to clearly and effectively articulate ideas, as well as engage in innovative conversations that enhance their communicative skills. Through exhaustive amounts of writing – including creative, expository, technical and persuasive - English majors hone a valuable craft that will serve them throughout the job

These skills can translate into jobs within many industries, which is in fact, what most English majors want. They passionately enjoy using the skills that an English education has given them for different jobs. This mindset lands English majors in all kinds of occupations, contributing creatively and valuably to companies and, furthermore, having success. Did you know that Stephen Spielberg, Clarence Thomas, Sting, Chevy Chase, Conan O'Brien and Sally Ride were all English majors?

And enough with this silliness about the easy course

load English majors have throughout college. In addition to daily reading, analysis and examination for that reading, I will be expected to produce approximately 75-80 pages of original creative writing this semester. Any English major you ask will tell you that their workload is comparable, if not more cumbersome, than other degree workloads.

People like to trivialize an English degree as glorified reading and writing that everyone has been taught since preschool. Well, I can add, subtract, divide, multiply and even do a little algebra, but I certainly will not use those experiences as a reason to debase the principles of, say, an engineering, architecture or physics degree. A fruitful job industry must contain those employees who have gone to school in pursuit of a specific career. But there also must be a communicative glue of employees who can present and articulate ideas while communicating with

Enter the English major that helps strengthen workplace communication, drinks lots of coffee, corrects your grammar and edits all manner of documents (including their own text messages). This sounds like a description of a "hirable" student to me.

different people.

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Why are there so many squirrels? Shouldn't they be hibernating?

The spoons in The Union though <

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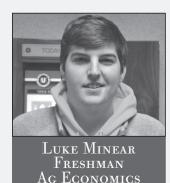
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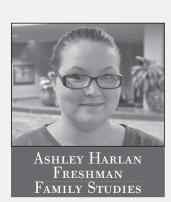


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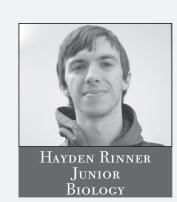
"It's the play nice Doritos commercial where the guy comes to the house with the mom and the mom's little boy is there with his Doritos."



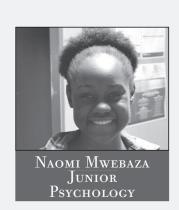
"The Terry Tate office linebacker commercial."



"The M&M's commercial where the M&M guy rips of his coat and says, 'Now it's a party."



"I would say the commercial that has the dancing hamsters with the car."



"I like the Cheerios commercial, the one where the little girl puts all the Cheerios on her dad's heart "

SPORTS

By Kiersten Schorgl THE COLLEGIAN

The K-State women's tennis team swept the courts Friday and Saturday when they hosted their first home matches of

the 2014 season. The weekend began for the Wildcats on Friday when they faced off with Northern Iowa. UNI began by capturing the overall doubles points with a pair of 6-4 wins. K-State quickly recovered in singles to capture a 2-1 advantage over Northern Iowa.

Freshman Iva Bago defeated Astrid Santos 6-3, 6-2 at number three singles. Bago is 7-7 this season and has won four of her last five singles matches. The Wildcats finished strong in singles with a 6-1 outcome.

Then on Saturday, K-State nabbed a huge 7-0 defeat over Liberty. In singles, senior Petra Niedermayerova captured her fifth straight victory to give K-State a 2-0 lead. The No. 42-ranked ITA player has now won seven of her last eight matches. Niedermayerova is 13-4 this season, and owns a career mark of 76-21 in straight set matches. Her win improved her school record for singles wins to 93. Her career singles winning percentage of .715 ranks second in program

history.

The Wildcats have now won three-straight matches for the first time since April 2013. This is the second straight season K-State has started 3-1. K-State will complete its four match homestand next weekend, when the Wildcats face Fresno State and former Big 12 member Colorado.

Josh Staab | the collegian Junior tennis player **Amina St. Hill** returns a volley from Northern Iowa freshman Jordyn Kearney during the Wildcats' home match against UNI Friday at the Body First Tennis and Fitness Center in Manhattan. St. Hill beat Kearney 6-0, 6-1 as the Wildcats mauled the Panthers in singles matches



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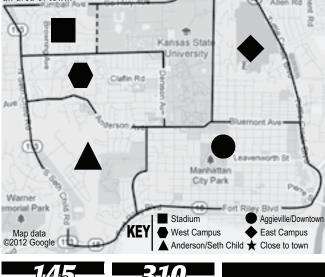
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Monica Moree performs for donations to the K-State LGBT Resource Center's Mary Kay Siefers scholarship at the 10th annual K-State Drag Show in McCain auditorium on Saturday. Moree and fellow drag queen **Mitzy Moree** collectively recieved \$1,104 in donations towards the Mary Kay Siefers scholarship and the Flint Hills Human Rights Project sponsored Praxis scholarship.



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nly 650 tickets had been sold by Saturday morning for K-State's 10th annual drag show, "A Decade of Drag," performance. By the time the drag queens took to McCain Auditorium's stage later that night, however, more than 1,200 people had shown up to see the performance. The McCain balcony was opened to accommodate the more-than-doubled number of attendees.

For those who were not in attendance, a drag show is a theatrical production where the performers, dressed in clothes designed for the opposite gender, entertain audiences with singing and dancing.

K-State's annual drag show has been emceed every year by Monica Moree. Monica Moree is the alter ego of Dusty Garner, a K-State 2010 alum and frequent supporter of the LGBT communities within Manhattan and in his current home of Phoenix, Ariz.

Ten drag queens worked the crowd in Mc-Cain, some of them with their own cult followings present. Victoria Fox, Patti O'Dour, LilKim Chi and Mitzy Moree are four of the five founding members of Hot, Sticky and



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Left: Penny Tration takes to the middle of the crowd as she collects tip money Saturday in McCain Auditorium. Ten queens took the stage for more than three and a half hours to performs classic favorites and recent chart topper

Top: Leah Halston twerks as a fan throws dollar bills on the stage Saturday in McCain Auditorium. Halston filled in last year at the last minute and was asked back to perform this year. She received standing ovations and thunderous applause for all three of her performances.

Sweet, a group of drag performers based in Manhattan.

Visiting drag queens Penny Tration (a former RuPaul's Drag Race contestant), Leah Halston, Chelsea Pearl, Monica St. James and Celia Putty rounded out the cast. Celia Putty, also known as performer Richie Black, flew in from Arizona to participate in the show. Celia Putty was prepared to do eight numbers and bring back her "Alamo Tour" at the request of Monica Moree.

While drag shows often elicit cash tips from audience members, it isn't just about money. Some drag queens even use the shows to practice songs for future pageant performances.

Something kind of drives me to do it (and) I've done well with it," said Celia Putty, who was Miss Gay Arizona America in 2011. 'When I go to Miss Gay America I can say I've

This year's drag show wasn't just about entertainment; it also raised money for two scholarships that focus on supporting K-State LGBT students: the Flint Hills Human Rights Project's Praxis scholarship and the LGBT Resource Center's Mary Kay Siefers scholarship. A marathon session of singing and dancing, as well as some yodeling, from Mitzy and Monica Moree raised \$1,104 in scholarship money through audience donations.

The final number is always the Liza Minnelli ballad, "What Makes a Man a Man," performed by Monica Moree. As the song goes on, Monica Moree makes her transformation back into Dusty Garner. According to Penny Tration, the number is especially important to the show because it shows the fluidity of sex, gender and sexual identity.

"It's an honor to do that number," Monica Moree said. "It makes me weep every time."

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